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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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Nothing Significant to Report

REGIONAL

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INTERNATIONAL

Algeria, US tackle nuclear material trafficking. Algeria and the United States will work together to prevent terrorists and criminals from acquiring black market nuclear material, officials from both countries agreed this week in Algiers.

http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/features/2013/02/14/feature-02 (State Department release here
<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2013/02/204505.htm>)

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Certified online banking trojan in the wild. An employee with Eset discovered trojans that could allow online banking access to spyware by successfully passing superficial tests. The flawed certificate and signature validations in question were produced by two companies that no longer exist. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Certified-online-bankingtrojanin-the-wild-1808898.html>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Beyond Radiation: Pentagon Seeks Better Ways to Detect Nuclear Weapons. Forget about checking for nukes by monitoring radiation fluxes in the atmosphere, and be careful of relying on satellite photography. The next wave of research for detecting nuclear weapons is going to study changes in the ground, develop tricked-out sensors and look at how networks of nuclear proliferators move around the world. <http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2013/02/nuclear-sensors/>

Georgia National Guard helps other agencies practice for radiological. The Georgia National Guard's 4th Civil Support Team teamed up with the faculty at Georgia State University's (GSU) Petite Science Center in Atlanta to conduct an emergency response drill involving a radiological source.
<http://www.fireengineering.com/news/2013/02/08/washington-georgianational-guard-helps-other-agencies-practice-for-radiological-emergency.html>

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

FCC orders 2M people to power down cell phone signal boosters. The Federal Communications Commission enacted rules governing the sale and operation of devices used to improve cellular phone signals: wireless signal boosters. The devices can cause interference with wireless carrier networks, further complicating the need for more bandwidth without regulating these devices. Source: <http://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2013/02/fcc-orders-2m-people-to-power-down-cell-phone-signal-boosters/>

FCC proposal hopes to grow Wi-Fi spectrum by 35 percent, reduce hotspot congestion. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) proposed to increase available spectrum for unlicensed devices by making up the spectrum in the 5 GHz band. The FCC also proposed to streamline existing rules and equipment authorization procedures for unlicensed devices, and create a more flexible regulatory environment. Source: <http://www.engadget.com/2013/02/21/fcc-proposal-hopes-to-grow-wifi-spectrum-by-35-percent-reduce-h/>

(Texas) Copper thieves strike San Antonio water utility. A two man crew stole 200 feet of copper wire from a water station which led to the loss of water for thousands of residents. Thefts at phone companies and municipal services have led to increased rates for water, power, and phone services. Source: <http://www.kens5.com/news/Copper-thieves-strike-SAs-water-utility-191265451.html>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

2013 Chrysler 200, Dodge Avenger recalled for fire risk. Chrysler issued a recall for nearly 1,800 2013 Chrysler 200s and Dodge Avengers because a broken control valve in the fuel tank assembly could lead to fuel leakage, increasing the risk of fire or an engine stall while driving and increasing the risk of an accident. Source: <http://www.edmunds.com/car-news/2013-chrysler-200-dodge-avenger-recalled-for-fire-risk.html>

BMW recalls 750,000 cars due to electrical problem. BMW announced a recall of 750,000 of its vehicles in the U.S., Japan, South Africa, and Canada due to a possible electrical failure which may cause the car to stall without warning. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced in a February 18 report that the cable connecting the battery to the fuse box may degrade over time, potentially leading to a loss of electrical power in a variety of BMW vehicles model years 2007 to 2012. Source: <http://wtaq.com/news/articles/2013/feb/19/bmw-recalls-569830-cars-in-north-america-due-to-electrical-problem/>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

FBI battling 'rash of sexting' among its employees. A report produced by the FBI goes on to cite over 1,000 employees for misconduct, lewd behavior, and inappropriate use of technology over the course of 2 years. The bureau hopes the report will deter misbehavior in the future.

Source: http://www.cnn.com/2013/02/21/us/fbi-misbehavior/index.html?hpt=hp_c1

(California) 2 San Diego sheriff deputies shot, wounded. A man that was upset about a restraining order against his mother caused a standoff with San Diego police that caused an evacuation of neighboring homes. The suspect shot and injured two officers before ending his own life. Source: <http://www.ksby.com/news/2-san-diego-sheriff-deputies-shot-wounded/>

ENERGY

Keystone XL Pipeline work delayed, Nebraska Utility says. A proposed \$7 billion oil pipeline that will carry Canadian crude oil throughout the States is delayed due to a new route being implemented, as well as growing resistance toward the project. Officials are still awaiting the U.S. President's formal approval for the pipeline, which is scheduled to take several years to complete. Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/02/17/keystone-xl-pipeline-delay-nebraska_n_2707157.html

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

PCA executives indicted for fraud, conspiracy in Salmonella peanut butter outbreak. Federal authorities issued a 76- count indictment against four former executives from the Peanut Corporation of America (PCA) for their role in a 2009 Salmonella outbreak in peanut products that killed 9 people and sickened over 700 others. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/02/pca-executives-indicted-for-fraudconspiracy-in-salmonella-peanut-butter-outbreak/>

Voluntary precautionary recall of Arnold, Brownberry, Earthgrains, Farm, Harmons, L'oven Fresh, Stroehmann and Sara Lee Multi-grain Breads and Sara Lee Thin Style Buns. BBU, Inc., the parent of the Bimbo Bakeries companies, issued a voluntary recall of several types of bread due to possible presence of flexible wire caused by a faulty screen at a third party flour mill. The recall affect a variety of brands, but not items currently in stores, though they could still remain in consumer homes, with expiration dates of February 17 or February 20. Source:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm340245.htm>

More Salmonella infections tied to tiny turtles. A report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention February 15 linked tiny turtles to at least 347 cases of Salmonella

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illnesses since May 2011, with 70% of the victims children age 10 or younger. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/02/more-salmonella-infections-tied-to-tiny-turtles/>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Connecticut) State police investigate anthrax threat to governor's office. The governor of Connecticut received a letter in the mail claiming to contain anthrax February 19. Capital police cordoned the mailroom to investigate the letter, which tested negative for anthrax. Source: <http://connecticut.cbslocal.com/2013/02/19/state-police-investigate-anthrax-threat-to-governors-office/>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

US says trade secrets are at risk of being stolen by China, Russia and WikiLeaks. A report on a plan to mitigate the theft of U.S. trade secrets was released by the White House detailing an action strategy aimed at preventing foreign entities from accessing trade secrets. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/US-Says-Trade-Secrets-Are-at-Risk-of-Being-Stolen-by-China-Russia-and-WikiLeaks-331343.shtml>

Fake Delta Airlines emails: Your credit card has been successfully processed. Hoax emails are being distributed claiming Delta Airlines has processed ticket purchases in an attempt to pull in users to install malicious software on their systems. Targets include several financial institutions. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-Delta-Airlines-Emails-Your-Credit-Card-Has-Been-Successfully-Processed-330733.shtml>

Spammers unleash DIY phone number slurping web tool. A new phone number harvesting tool was seen being offered for sale openly online, which allows the harvesting of users' phone numbers to be used in SMS spam campaigns or other fraud. Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/02/14/phone_harvesting_service_creates_spam_menace/

NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

Closed roads, visitor centers, loom at national parks. Steep budget cuts could affect national parks throughout the U.S. by keeping large areas closed to the public through a reduction of hours, staff cuts, and depleted resources for road maintenance and emergency services. The Park Service agreed that until the government comes to a resolution, national parks could potentially suffer. Source: http://mtstandard.com/news/state-and-regional/closed-roads-visitor-centers-loom-at-national-parks/article_d15e21cb-5659-546a-998c-49552dd1987b.html

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POSTAL AND SHIPPING

(Washington) Wash. man arrested with 1,000 lbs. of stolen mail. Police in Port Townsend recovered more than 1,000 pounds of stolen mail after arresting a man February 12. The man is accused of taking the information from mailboxes in Kitsap, Jefferson, and surrounding counties at night to create false identities, use stolen credit cards, and pass bounced checks. Source: http://dailyjournalonline.com/news/national/wash-man-arrested-with-lbs-of-stolen-mail/article_51d0c5f9-d3d7-5e01-8a4b-1154e1be0f53.html

PUBLIC HEALTH

(South Carolina) 2nd arrest made in SC Health and Human Services security breach. A second individual was arrested and charged for breaching the South Carolina Health and Human Services database and compromising nearly 228,000 Medicaid patient's records. Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/news/columbia-statewide-news/2nd-arrest-made-in-SC-Health-and-Human-Services-security-breach/-/9324106/19001440/-/198tiz/-/index.html>

(Massachusetts) Massachusetts finalizes rules allowing hospitals to share medications to ease shortages. Public Health Regulars in Massachusetts approved a new directive February 13 allowing hospitals to share medication due to drug shortages. Source: <http://www.boston.com/whitecoatnotes/2013/02/13/massachusetts-finalizes-rules-allowing-hospitals-share-medications-ease-shortages/Lu4RzUpY3kjBVBL68jSrDM/story.html>

TRANSPORTATION

U.S. pledges another unsafe-bus crackdown after crashes. The U.S. Department of Transportation announced it will send investigators to inspect and shut down bus companies found to be unsafe and in violation of regulations following recent bus accidents. Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-02-14/u-s-pledges-another-unsafe-bus-crackdown-after-crashes.html>

(Michigan) MDOT: Thieves rob metro freeway of light. The Michigan Department of Transportation found that around 20 percent of streetlights along freeways in Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, and St. Clair counties were dark due to copper theft, aging infrastructure, and a lack of replacement funds. Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20130215/METRO05/302150344/MDOT-Thieves-rob-Metro-freeways-light?odyssey=tab%7Ctopnews%7Ctext%7CFRONTPAGE>

WATER AND DAMS

Contaminated water from medicine threatens wild fish populations, study shows. A study contends that small amounts of medicine in streams and rivers can alter the biology and behavior of fish and other marine animals. Water treatment facilities are currently not designed

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to remove un-metabolized drug traces from the water they clean. Source:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/02/14/fish-drug-contaminated-water_n_2688901.html

HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center**: 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio**: 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)**: 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol**: 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst**: 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI**: 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI**: 701-232-7241.

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